

buried with hasty honor these months ago in distant France?

With the sometimes humdrum records aflame, lit with the idealism of this belief in undying goodness we will review his life.

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Bascom L. Field was from the soil. A typical son of a state in which 98 percent of its people are native-born and the sons and daughters of native-born.

Just as the farm seems to be the best and surest incubator of real men and women so do native Carolinians seem to be most truly American.

Bascom Lee Field was born at Lewisville, Forsyth County, North Carolina, on February 1, 1890, being the next youngest of five children; the others being James M. Field, born 1882; Mrs. R. K. Craven, born 1886, (died 1909); Mrs. J. Thad. Weatherly, born 1887 and Lynette Field, born 1892.

His parents were both native North Carolinians of true Scotch-Irish stock, fine exponents of the best type of native Americans. His mother, Flora Ledbetter, (an old and honored North Carolina name) was born and raised on the old family homestead place in Randolph County. His father, Melville C. Field, was also a native of the same County. He attended Bingham Military School at Mebane, N. C., and became a minister in the M. E. Church South, being attached to the Western North Carolina Conference at the time of his death, August 31, 1919. He only shortly survived his son.

Bascom graduated from the Pleasant Garden High School in 1911, his Principal being Frank L. Foust, an Alumnus of the University of North Caro-